

REMARKS

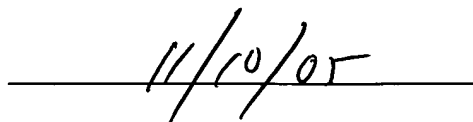
This communication is in response to the first Office Action dated October 27, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner noted some informalities to the claims and made a provisional double patenting rejection. The Examiner also rejected certain claims as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,941,420 to Butterworth et al. Finally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 3 and 7 contain allowable subject matter.

In response, applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. In particular, now that Claim 3 has been added to Claim 1, there is now antecedent basis for the term "the dirty buffers" in Claim 6.

Applicants have also amended Claim 1 to include the limitations from Claims 2 and 3. It is believed that this places all remaining claims in condition for allowance. Also attached herewith is an executed provisional terminal disclaimer.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 411448002US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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